

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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NATIONAL DISASTER RESPONSE FORCE

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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any proposal to set up a National Disaster Response Force to tackle situations arising from different types of disasters with the state-of-the-art gadgets;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the time by which it is likely to be set up; and
- (d) the details of the locations in which such force is likely to be positioned?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIS. REGUPATHY)

(a)to(d): The Government has already constituted National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) consisting of 8 (eight) battalions of Central Para-Military Forces; two battalions each from Border Security Force (BSF), Indo-Tibetan Border Police(ITBP), Central Industrial Security Force(CISF) and Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) for the purpose of specialist response in all disaster situations. The process of training and equipping of battalions is in progress.

These eight NDRF battalions would be positioned at Arrakonam (Chennai), Mundali (Bhubneshwar), Greater Noida, Chandigarh, Barasat (Kolkata), Guwahati (Assam), Pune (Maharashtra), and Gandhinagar (Gujarat). In addition, 16 Regional Response Centres (RRCs) of NDRF battalions are being set up across the country to enable immediate response to natural calamities.